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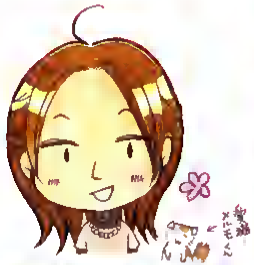

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最近　嵐にハマってます。
まだコンサートに行ったことがないので、いつか絶対行く!!!と心に決めています♥
ネームと原稿が早く上がれば…(TwT)

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こいつのラケットを返してやってください。

猛くんがお父さんを説得してくれたおかげで　また　テニスができることになった　あげは

しかも猛くんが部長になってテニス部は復活するし!

ところが　試合で神河高校のエースに完敗し　あげはに人ピンチが!!

なんと　猛くんを賭けて対戦をすることに…　猛くんの転校がかかった試合に　あげはは!?

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Sorairo Ageha 2

空色アゲハ②

CHARACTER

Aoi Ageha

A girl who takes everything seriously, no matter what it may be. Her passion for tennis cannot compare with anyone else's.

Sakaki Takeru

A tennis genius and strict coach to Ageha. (He can be kind to her on occasion, though.)

Onodera Jin

He saw one of Ageha's matches and as a result, joined the tennis club. He has a very cheerful disposition.

Ryouko

A girl who calls Takeru 'Take-chan.' She is very cold towards Ageha.

STORY

When she was a little girl, Ageha happened to see one of Takeru's moves while playing tennis. Since then, she made a vow that some day, she herself will become a strong tennis player. When she entered high school, she was surprised to find that coincidentally, Takeru also went to the same school! Ageha was very delighted until she heard of the shocking news. Takeru got injured while playing tennis which compelled him to quit. In addition, the school she entered had no tennis club! Undaunted, she starts to establish a tennis club.

Takeru, moved by Ageha's determination, decides to become her coach until the club is established. This marks the beginning of Ageha's happy days while playing tennis with Takeru. Also, all it takes is just a little more effort before the club is set up. But one day, Ageha returns home late which causes her father to take her racket from her. When Takeru learned of this, he goes to visit Ageha's house.

＊Sho-Comiフラワーコミックス＊

"PLEASE RETURN THIS GIRL'S BACK TO HER."
CHAPTER 06
Ishouyo Scans

Piyo
Piyo

Oh no.
FLINCH
...
This will only make Father angrier...
TA... TAKERU-KUN, I THINK...
Eh...?
Ishoujo Scans

I HOPE YOU GIVE US YOUR PERMISSION TO DO SO.
WE WILL ALSO HAVE TO PRACTICE UNTIL LATE AT NIGHT, SO PLEASE...
Ah...
TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL, WE CAN'T LET EVEN ONE DAY PASS BY WITHOUT PRACTICE.
AGEHA'S GOAL IS TO WIN THE HIGH SCHOOL INTER-SCHOOL TENNIS COMPETITION.
I BEG YOU.

I can't believe it...
TENNIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT PHYSICAL STRENGTH.
THE PLAYER'S MENTAL STRENGTH ALSO INFLUENCES ONE'S GAMEPLAY.
TENNIS IS NOT SO EASY THAT SOMEONE WHO PLAYS HALF-HEARTEDLY WILL BE ABLE TO WIN MATCHES OR IMPROVE AT ALL.
IF THAT'S NOT CONVINCING ENOUGH,
PLEASE COME SEE AT LEAST ONE PRACTICE SESSION!

I'M CONFIDENT THAT ONCE YOU SEE THAT TRAINING SESSION,
YOUR POINT OF VIEW OF TENNIS WILL TURN 180 DEGREES!

OPEN
HONEY?
IT WOULDN'T BE THAT EASY FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS JUST STARTED PLAYING TENNIS TO ENTER THE COMPETITIONS, RIGHT?
INTER-HIGH, HUH?
PASS
Slash
EH?

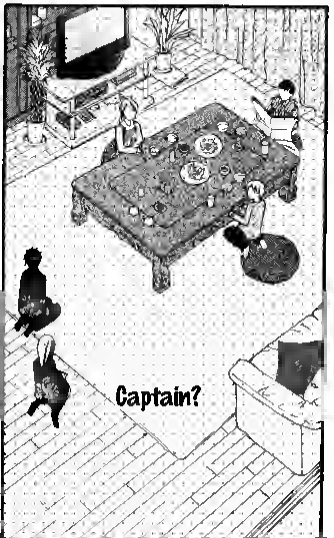
AGEHA
AH, YES!
IN EXCHANGE, YOUR GRADES AREN'T ALLOWED TO GO DOWN, UNDERSTAND?
YES!
WELL, I SUPPOSE IT WON'T HURT TO OBSERVE FOR A WHILE.
SINCE YOU WENT AS FAR AS ASKING ME TO SEE YOUR TRAINING, I MIGHT AS WELL GO WATCH IT
Ah...
smile

I can...
play tennis now...
Takeru-kun...

AS THE CAPTAIN OF THE TENNIS CLUB,
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF AGEHA ALL THE WAY TILL GRADUATION

RUSTLE
AND YOU!

D-DAD, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
AH, NO
I'M NOT THE CAPTAIN.
THE TENNIS CLUB HASN'T BEEN ESTABLISHED YET, AND TAKERU IS ONLY TEMPORARILY TRAINING ME


Captain?

AFTER THE TENNIS CLUB IS SET UP, HE'LL...
COVER

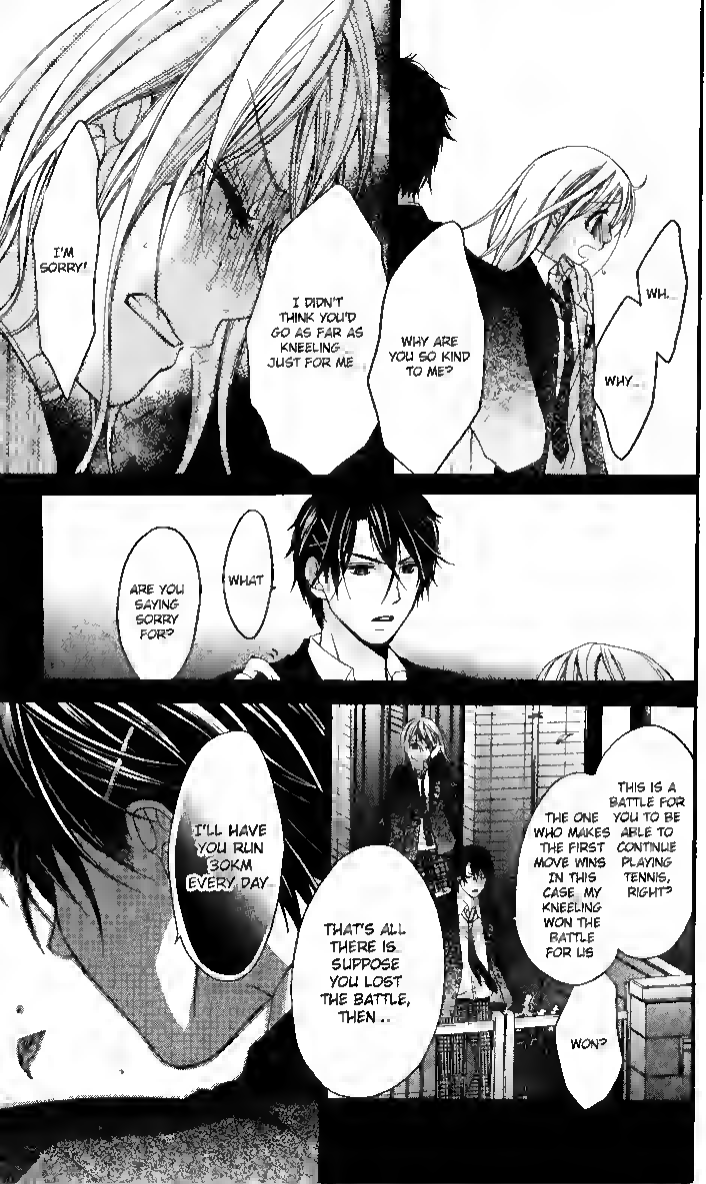
WHISPER
IDIOT!
ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE MY KNEELING BE A WASTE OF TIME?!
WHISPER
WHISPER
!
AFTER THE CLUB IS SET UP,
HE'LL WHAT?
SHUSTLE
AFTER THE TENNIS CLUB IS SET UP,
DOL

I'LL BECOME THE CLUB CAPTAIN AND LEAD THE TEAM TO THE INTER-HIGH TENNIS COMPETI-TIONS.

What?
I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE NOW.
Sorry for interrupting during your dinner
AGEHA, SEE HIM OUT.
MOM
AH, OKAY!
SURPRISE
What he said just now
surprised me...
Ba-dump
Ba-dump
Ba-dump

LET ME SEE... I THINK IT'S HERE...
WHERE'S THE INFRARED BUTTON?
WHY?
AOI,
GIVE ME YOUR PHONE
EH?
OK.
SENT
Sakaki Takeru
IF ANYTHING CROPS UP, JUST CONTACT ME.
I'LL COME OVER IMMEDIATELY.
YOUR HOUSE IS VERY FAR FROM SCHOOL SO I CAN'T WALK YOU HOME BUT
Whoa!
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
WOOOOOW-!
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
It's Takeru-kun's number!

HMMM... THAT'S TRUE
BUT WAIT... IF YOU CONTACT ME WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS IT'LL BE TOO LATE BY THE TIME I ARRIVE, RIGHT?
LET'S DO IT LIKE THIS. WHEN CLUB ACTIVITIES END, YOU MUST SEND ME A MESSAGE ONCE YOU REACH HOME!
UNDER-STAND?


I'M SORRY!
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D GO AS FAR AS KNEELING... JUST FOR ME
WHY ARE YOU SO KIND TO ME?
WH..
WHY...
ARE YOU SAYING SORRY FOR?
WHAT
I'LL HAVE YOU RUN 30KM EVERY DAY
THAT'S ALL THERE IS. SUPPOSE YOU LOST THE BATTLE, THEN..
THE ONE WHO MAKES THE FIRST MOVE WINS IN THIS CASE, MY KNEELING WON THE BATTLE FOR US
THIS IS A BATTLE FOR YOU TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE PLAYING TENNIS, RIGHT?
WON?

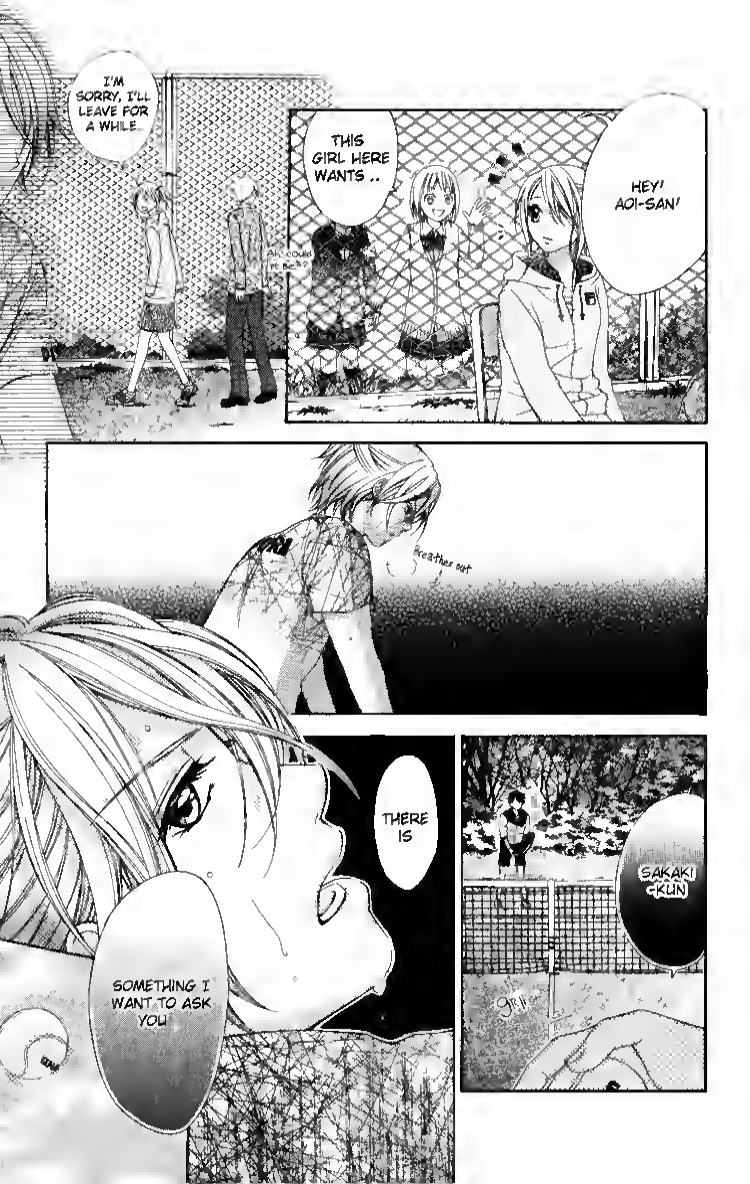
PFFT!
HA HA HA...!
LOL— 30 KM IS NOT A SHORT DISTANCE—
ONLY AN IDIOT WOULD RUN 30KM ON A MOUNTAIN ROAD ON FOOT!
It's just to show your sincerity
But I really want to see the idiotic expression on your face
Takeru-kun...
He's really something...
HEHE
YEAH. 30KM MUST BE IMPOSSIBLE TO HANDLE
He actually knelt without hesitation
for my sake, who isn't even family to him.

He's really so cool.
PORK
ALRIGHT, SAKUKI AND ONODERA, PLEASE GET IN.
THEN,
I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW, AOI!
YES! SENSEI, TAKERU-KUN, ONODERA-KUN,
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TODAY!

SILENCE
SHIFT
I...
DIDN'T HELP OUT AT ALL...
THAT'S NOT TRUE...
BUT IT'S REALLY SURPRISING FOR AGEHA TO COME TO SCHOOL FROM HERE EVERY DAY.
SHE ALWAYS HAS THE EXPRESSION AS IF IT'S NO BIG DEAL...
WHAT A STRONG GIRL...

The next day, after school.
THUD
THUMP
THUD
HIT
HA!
THAT'S
MISS
Mock

ONODERA-KUN IS SO AMAZING-!
Woah
Wow
He can keep up with Takeru-kun!
HIT
I THOUGHT HE'D HAVE NO INTEREST IN TENNIS WHEN HE REACHED HIGH SCHOOL—
Hmm
COME HERE, DON'T BE SHY!
AH! ISN'T THAT AOI-SAN?
EH... WHY WOULD HE WANT TO KEEP THAT QUIET?
WELL, IT'S NO SURPRISE. HE WAS A TOP PLAYER IN THE KYUSHU JUNIORS, AFTER ALL.
He did tell me to keep it a secret, though.
I don't want too many people to know about this.
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE SAKAKI IS HERE.—


I'M SORRY, I'LL LEAVE FOR A WHILE..
Ah... could it be?!
THIS GIRL HERE WANTS ..
HEY! AOI-SAN!
Breathes out
THERE IS
SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU
SAKAKI -KUN

HA!
DI AD
Surprise
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN AGEHA-CHAN?!

THUMP
ARE YOU MESSING WITH ME?
WHAT KIND OF QUESTION IS THAT?
GRIP
WHOOSH
HEY HEY
Kyaa~! Is that true?
WHAT A CONVERSATION
THE PERSON THEY'RE GOSSIPING ABOUT IS RIGHT HERE
Teenagers
As expected ♪
NOPE,
IT'S JUST THAT IF YOU DO LIKE HER, IT'LL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO WIN AGAINST YOU.

I SAY, INSTEAD OF WORRYING ABOUT THAT, YOU SHOULD PLAY TENNIS MORE SERIOUSLY
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU THINK IT IS. I DON'T LIKE HER THAT WAY.

WHAT ARE YOU AFTER BY JOINING THE TENNIS CLUB?
YOUR ACTIONS AND WORDS DON'T MATCH UP
Flu
THU
MP
I WAS ABOUT TO GIVE UP ON TENNIS, YOU KNOW.
MY REASON IS A TIT DIFFERENT FROM YOURS, THOUGH...

HOWEVER, AFTER SEEING THAT GIRL PLAY TENNIS DURING THE COMPETITION
SHE OBVIOUSLY JUST STARTED LEARNING TENNIS, BUT JUST SEEING HER SIMPLE DESIRE TO WIN AND HOW HARD SHE STROVE TO REACH THAT GOAL
Pa
BECAUSE I CAN NEVER BE THE BEST NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY.
PLUS, I CAN'T MAKE A LIVING OUT OF PLAYING TENNIS.
SMACK
MADE ME FEEL THAT SHE'S A PRO.

SMACK
BAM

DON'T YOU EVER DARE TO COMPARE WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN TO MY BELIEFS
Tsk
WANTS TO JOIN THE CLUB
SOMEONE
Nervous
WHAT'S WRONG?
They're fighting?
UH...
UHM...
I'M SUZUYA RINGO FROM CLASS 1-1
I'LL PUT IN MY BEST EFFORT. NICE TO MEET YOU.
Eh—
"JINCHOU", YOU ALSO WANT TO PLAY TENNIS?
ONODERA-KUN, YOU KNOW HER?
YEAH, WE WERE IN THE SAME CLASS FOR 3 YEARS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

*T/N_ Jinchou means Class President

WELL THEN, TO HAVE 5 MEMBERS, WE NEED...
JUST 2 MORE TO JOIN!
Hey!
HUH?
WE NEED JUST 1 MORE, RIGHT?
EH?
BUT THERE'S ONODERA-KUN, SUZUY-SAN AND I ... We're just 3
ME!
!?
DIDN'T SAY THAT I WANT TO BECOME THE CAPTAIN?
EH?! I THOUGHT YOU ONLY SAID THAT TO CONVINCE MY DAD—
WHAT? DO YOU THINK I'M THE KIND OF PERSON WHO TAKES HIS OWN WORDS LIGHTLY?!
NO, BUT...

Didn't he enter this school because he gave up on tennis?
IS IS IT OKAY?
YOU'LL REALLY...
I'LL GIVE YOU THE TOUGHEST TRAINING FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS.
smile

CHAPTER 06 END

Greetings!

Hello, this is Kumagai Kyoko.

Thank you very much for picking up "Sora-iro Ageha" volume 2!! This title will end with volume 2. To all those fans who read this title and who cheered me on— thank you very much. Currently, I have started a new series in the Sho-Comi manga anthology.

Please check it out if you have the time!

Soraho Ageha

Volume 2 Chapter 7

Chapter 07

SI
GH
We still have two more days to set up the tennis club.
CAN'T GET ENOUGH MEMBERS ...
Lunch break. Meeting for battle strategizing.
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
What should I do?!
AAAHH-
IF I DON'T HURRY UP, WE CAN'T GET ANY FUNDS THIS YEAR-!
WE ONLY LACK ONE MORE PERSON...

Q & A!

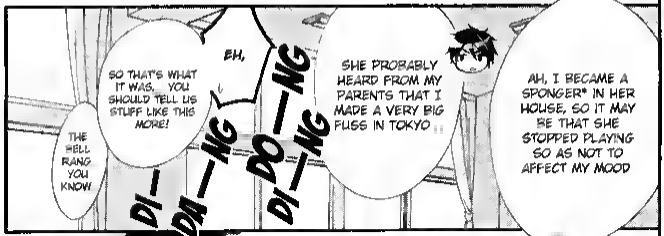
Q. Why does Takeru-kun use hairpins?

A. During a tennis match when he was six, his hair kept getting in the way so he mimicked his older sister who was playing tennis with him by using hairpins (that he stole from her). This was how it all began. Since then, it's become a habit to put hairpins in his hair.

Sigh
ALTHOUGH THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO COME AND TAKE A LOOK,
THEY LEAVE HALFWAY
DOES TENNIS PRACTICE REALLY LOOK SO TIRING AND DIFFICULT...?
I've used all my strength and put in my best effort even though I'm just learning the basics.
I THINK... IT IS SOMEWHAT TIRING
SPEAKING OF WHICH, THERE'S THIS GIRL... SHE'S QUITE COLD SO I WAS NO GOOD AT DEALING WITH HER.
BUT SHE USED TO GO TO OUR FAMILY'S TENNIS SCHOOL
Since she was young till half a year ago
AH...
CLATTER
EH?!
That's awesome!
KUN'S HOUSE IS A TENNIS SCHOOL?!
YEAH, I'LL GO!
WANNA COME VISIT SOME TIME?
HUH, I DIDN'T TELL YOU?
WAIT, SHE'S SAKAKI-KUN'S COUSIN, RIGHT?

SAKAKI RYOUKO-SAN
Dark moment
TR TR
THE COLD RYOUKO-SAN
Trauma
WHAT'S WRONG AGEHA-CHAN?
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
RYOUKO, HUH?
SHE HAS MANY COMMENTS ABOUT ME CONTINUING TO PLAY TENNIS.
WOULDN'T THAT MAKE IT HARD TO RECRUIT HER?

Eh,
at the same time?
scary
WHAT, IS SHE SAKAKI-KUN'S ENTHUSIASTIC FAN?
SO THAT'S WHY SHE STOPPED PLAYING TENNIS RIGHT AROUND THE TIME SAKAKI-KUN DID...


AH, I BECAME A SPONGER* IN HER HOUSE, SO IT MAY BE THAT SHE STOPPED PLAYING SO AS NOT TO AFFECT MY MOOD
SHE PROBABLY HEARD FROM MY PARENTS THAT I MADE A VERY BIG FUSS IN TOKYO...
EH,
DI—NG
DO—NG
DI—NG
SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS... YOU SHOULD TELL US STUFF LIKE THIS MORE!
THE BELL RANG YOU KNOW!

*P/N A sponger is someone who lives in other peoples' houses. *A leecher

I see...
She really
treats Takeru-kun as someone important...
I'M BACK

Text
I just reached home
My
Sent
OK
Hmm
♪ LET ME THINK THIS WAY... THE CONTENTS WILL BE THE SAME AS YESTERDAY'S! ♪
TO TAKERU-KUN
Pant
Tap
Tap
Tap
SEND MESSAGE

COMING~!
AGEHA— THE HAMBURGER'S GONNA GET COLD—
Go get cleansed and eat!

Takeru-kun
Vibrate
Tuck
Tuck
STEP
STEP
STEP
THEN, "MY FAMILY'S HAVING HAMBURGERS FOR DINNER TONIGHT ♡ YAY! (^^) "
SEND!

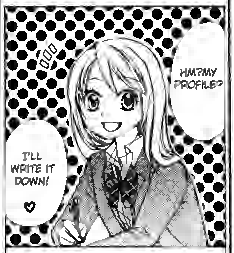
OPEN
!
VIBRATE
VIBRATE
WIN
4/XX 22:49
Takeru-kun
Re:
Don't send any more messages.
返信
選択
サブメニュー
Amazed
TAKERU-KUN REPLIED!
He usually doesn't reply
OH MY GOD!
THUMP
MAYBE HE ALSO LIKES HAMBURGERS?
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP

Was it because I sent a weird message?
Tap Tap
He's angry...
WH...
Bu uu
WAH!
Takeru-kun
Re:
Please forget the message that was sent over just now.
HUH?
Tap
Tap
Takeru-kun... What's going on?!

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?!
Sigh
FLINCH
RYOUKO
YOU ACTUALLY TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY WHILE I WAS IN THE BATH
TO FIDDLE WITH MY PHONE
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT'S OKAY AS LONG AS YOU DON'T GET CAUGHT?

ALTHOUGH I'M HERE AS A SPONGER IN YOUR HOUSE
I WON'T TOLERATE THIS KIND OF ACTION.
.....
You won't even apologize?
BLUSH
Stop
I'LL FORGET ABOUT TONIGHT,
BUT YOU'D BETTER NOT GO OVERBOARD.
YOU SHOULD KNOW MY TEMPER
BUT TAKE-CHAN ...!

OI!
BUT SHE TEASES AND PLAYS WITH YOU ANYTIME SHE LIKES, IT'S IRRITATING-!
OVER JOYED OVER
YOU OBVIOUSLY CHOSE A HIGH SCHOOL WITH NO TENNIS CLUB.
SO WHY DID YOU BECOME THE COACH?!
WHY IS THAT GIRL SO SPECIAL TO YOU?!
THAT GIRL
SHE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YOU



NAME

AOI AGEHA

HEIGHT & WEIGHT

161 CM (5'3.5")

BLOOD TYPE

TYPE O

BIRTHDAY

JULY 19

HOBBY

TENNIS

THING YOU HATE

STUDYING!!!

FAVORITE FOOD

MEAT

DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU LIKE?

YES → (WHO IS IT? TAKEFU-KUN)

NO

WHETHER IT'S MINE OR AOI'S BUSINESS,

OVER JOYED OVER ME PINK

THE ONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING IS YOU, RIGHT?

WHY?!
TCH.
SIGH
BYE, AGEHA-CHAN.
TAKE CARE ON YOUR WAY HOME.
SURE!

!
BRAKE
VROOM
It's Ryouko-san!
Nooo! She's coming!
Panicking
SHUT UP!
Shout
REALLY, IT'S DISGUSTING!
YOUR INTENTIONS ARE TOO EASY FOR ME TO SEE THROUGH, EVEN FROM THE START!
;!?

SLAP
ASKING ME TO DATE OR DO IT WITH SUCH A LOW-GRADE GUY LIKE YOU...
IN YOUR DREAMS!
!?
SHE SHE SAID H..
LET GO!
Wait
No way...
Eh...
THROW
This is bad!
!!!

Ishouyo
Scans
Parking
P
Parking
Parking
castle
castle
castle
SWEAT
IT CAN'T BE——!!
FROZEN
MY CELL-PHONE!
CALL THE POLICE-
ACK
But wait!
Ryo- Ryo... Ryouko-san is seiha.....!!
Is... is there anyone? There's nobody!
Ah...
Ah!
Uhmmm...
Uhmmm...

By the time the police come,
it'll be too late!
ZOOM
RYOUKO-SAN!
MOVE ASIDE!
WHAM
ITAKO!

OW! OUCH!
DAMN!
PANIC
PANIC
PANIC
RYO.. RYOUKO -S.AN!
HURRY, SIT...GET ON THE BIKE!
GET ON!
WHY ....
YOU ....

WAIT
BUT, IF I DON'T GO THIS FAST—!
YOU'RE GOING TOO FAST, IDIOT!
I'M GONNA FALL OFF!
ANYWAY, HOW CAN YOU STILL PEDAL SO QUICKLY WHEN YOU'VE BEEN PRACTICING FOR SO LONG?
AH, IT'S BECAUSE MY HOUSE IS ON THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAINS!
MY WAY HOME IS A MOUNTAIN TERRAIN SO I GOT USED TO THIS SPEED!
THEN WHY ARE YOU GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY TO THIS SCHOOL?! THAT'S INSANE!
AH, WELL, YOU SEE,
I WANT TO PLAY TENNIS!
JUMP
WHAT?!

RYOUKO-SAN,
NO MATTER WHAT, I WANT TO PLAY TENNIS.
YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE PLAYING TENNIS?
Sile——nce
AIYA...
IS ASKING THAT BAD?!
STOP.
HUH?
I CAN GET OFF HERE.
MY HOUSE IS NEARBY.
BRAKE
.....

AH!
WHAT?
YOUR... YOUR UNIFORM!
AH.
WHAT TYPE OF REACTION IS THIS
Swish
UM.... HERE, PLEASE WEAR THIS
It smells like sweat though.
UM.
PLEASE
AH, THIS IS BAD MY CURFEW!
It's near!
PEDAL
PEDAL
PEDAL
GOODBYE
PLEASE BE CAREFUL ON YOUR WAY HOME!
Was
It's little!

Sniff
Sniff
.....
ZIP
PEEK
I-I'VE NO CHOICE BUT TO RETURN THIS TO HER, HUH?

CREAK
AIYA.
.....
WHA
M!
CRASH!
YUN YUN YUN
GOOD MORNING!
RYOUKO-SAN!
You're so early
WERE YOU FINE YESTERDAY? AFTER THAT INCIDENT,
I KEPT WORRYING
Ah, this is our classroom.
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO COME HERE SO EARLY?!
AND I EVEN WOKE UP EARLY JUST TO GET HERE.
Ah.
YOU... WHAT TIME DID YOU GET UP?
9:30AM
I USUALLY COME IN THE MORNING TO STUDY AND DO PRACTICE QUESTIONS

BECAUSE IF MY GRADES GO DOWN, MY FATHER WILL NOT LET ME PLAY TENNIS ANYMORE
IN THAT CASE,
DON'T YOU GET STRESSED OUT?
WELL, I
RELIEVE MY STRESS BY PLAYING TENNIS!
I ALREADY CAN'T WAIT TO ENTER THE COMPETITION
ONCE I THINK OF THAT, I GET VERY EXCITED AND HAPPY EACH DAY!
AH, PUTIE ALSO GET SCOLDED BY TAKERU-KUN EVERYDAY

GRAB
REALIZE
AH, NOTHING
MY SHIRT! YOU BROUGHT IT OVER FOR ME! THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
DISGUSTING
SHOCK
I DON'T HAVE THAT INTENTION
WHAT IS IT?!

I...
WANT TO PLAY TENNIS WITH YOU!
RUSTLE
.....
RYOUKO-SAN!

SMILE
Registration form
Year 1 Class C
Name: SAKAKI RYOUKO
(tennis) club
I hope to join this club
WHAT'S WITH THAT TYPE OF STUPID INVITATION...

I JUST WANTED TO CONTINUE PLAYING TENNIS, THAT'S ALL.
IT'S NOT LIKE I JOINED THE TENNIS CLUB JUST BECAUSE YOU INVITED ME, ALRIGHT?
PAT
PAT
!?
I SEE... SO SHE'S A *TSUNDERE, HUH...
That's Sakaki-kun's cousin for you
SULLEN
ALRIGHT! YEAH!
With this we'll also get club funds.
THIS IS GREAT WE HAVE 5 MEMBERS
HM?
THANK YOU...

* (N.) Tsundere: term for Japanese character development process that describes a person who is initially cold and even hostile towards another person before gradually showing their warm side over time. (Explanation taken from Wikipedia)

CHAPTER 07 END

Volume 2 Chapter 8

CHAPTER 8

WHOA, THE TENNIS CLUB IS SO COOL!

I HEARD THAT THEY WON,

AND THE 3 MEMBERS ARE VERY ACTIVE AND ENTHUSIASTIC!

SCHOOL NEWS

Year 20XX November

SPEAKING OF THAT, ONODERA-KUN

IN THE INTERSTATE COMPETITION, ONODERA JIN...

VICTORY!

IS SO HANDSOME ~!!!

Tennis club's big improvement!!

Sakaki Ryouko from first year class 3 and Aoi Ageha from first year class 2 got into the top 6 positions!

SMILE
Grin
Grin
Grin
Look over here!
Kya~ kawaii!
HEY, EVERYONE~!
YOU GUYS WORKED HARD!
MIKE
THANKS TO EVERYONE'S GOOD PERFORMANCE WE'RE GETTING LOTS OF APPLICATIONS FROM STUDENTS WHO WANT TO JOIN THE TENNIS CLUB!
AT THIS RATE, WE MIGHT EVEN BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTER-HIGH TENNIS COMPETITIONS.
Please guide us alone!

Q&A!

Q In Chapter 6 Takeru-kun's e-mail address had "makaron" in it but what's the story behind that?

A It's the name of the pet dog at his family's home. The one who named him was his older sister but it's pretty attached to Takeru-kun.

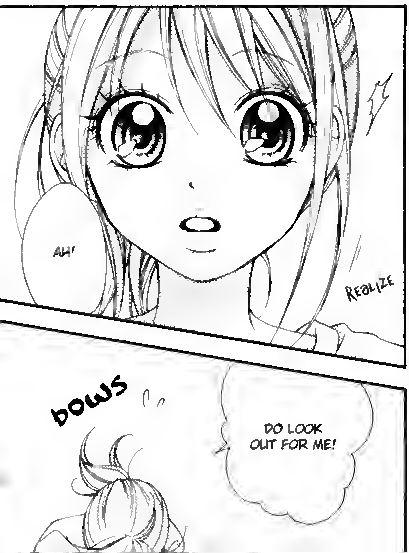
A toy poodle

male

3 years old

Makaron

Sile—nce
GIRLS
DO GUIDE ME ALONG
Girls are very welcome.♥
NICE TO MEET YOU GUYS


AH!
REALIZE
bows
DO LOOK OUT FOR ME!

Those three don't seem to have any enthusiasm.

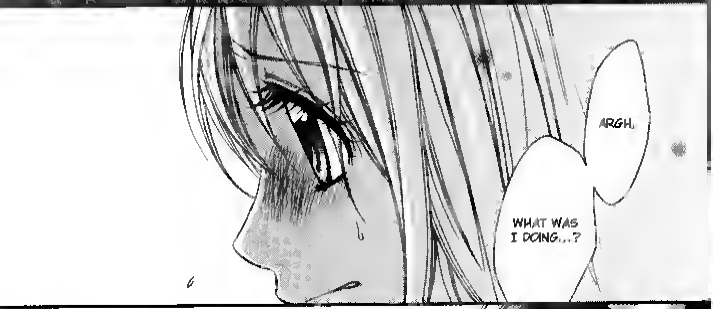
HEY, AGEHA-CHAN,
THAT GIRL YOU PLAYED AGAINST WAS REALLY STRONG, HUH?
SHE'S YANAGAWA HIGH'S ACE PLAYER WHO GOT INTO THE NATIONALS TOP 3, AFTER ALL.
?
HOWEVER, YOU MANAGED TO WIN 2 SETS AGAINST THAT ACE PLAYER!
THAT'S SOMETHING WORTH BRAGGING ABOUT! FIRST TIME YOU ENTER A COMPETITION AND YOU GET INTO THE BEST 8!
That's really something.
GIRLS
YOU PRAISE ME TOO HIGHLY— BUT STILL, A LOSS IS A LOSS.
And the score was 2-0
SHE ANTICIPATED MY MOVES SO SHE WAS ABLE TO RETURN ALL MY ATTACKS
REALLY, HALFWAY THROUGH THE COMPETITION,
I THOUGHT THAT NO MATTER HOW I PLAYED, IT WOULD BE USELESS...

!?
GRAB
HEY, YOU! YOU'RE REALLY PISSING ME OFF!
SHAKE
SHAKE
HAAH
!?
RYOUKO-S IN, YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS.
Oh, my
B-BUT WHEN I PLAY AGAINST YOU, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN I WIN BECAUSE YOU LOSE STAMINA HALFWAY THROUGH THE GAME
YOU LOSE SPECTACULARLY AGAINST ME AND TAKE-CHAN EVERYDAY DURING PRACTICE! WHY ARE YOU SO DEPRESSED AFTER LOSING TO THAT KIND OF PLAYER?!
Thud
THUD

THWOCK
WHOOSH
GRIP
I must...
This can't continue!
move faster!
2
0
That type of outstanding player...
There'll be many more in the future!
"YOU'RE TOO SIMPLE-MINDED."

The way I am now...
AOI!
gasp
WAAAH!
GIRLS
I SAY,
Are you an idiot?
YOU ACTUALLY DARE TO BE IN A DAZE ON THE TENNIS COURT!
OH
sorry
Ow!
IT
HURTS
IT'LL TAKE A WHOLE WEEK FOR THE SPRAINED FINGERS TO RECOVER
DO TAKE CARE
GIRLS

WELL,
AT LEAST YOU ONLY SPRAINED THEM, RIGHT?
And it's the left hand


ARGH.
WHAT WAS I DOING...?

SO LET'S GO SOMEWHERE YOU CAN PLAY AND LET LOOSE
LOOK YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO ENJOY PLAYING TENNIS WHEN YOU'RE FEELING DOWN IN THE DUMPS.
Sigh—
GO... AND PLAY?!
IS THERE SOMETHING YOU'RE ESPECIALLY GOOD AT?
BOWLING I GUESS
PESSIMIST
Flinch
GIRLS

IT'S ONLY THE TWO OF US WHO ARE GOING?!
I DETEST DOING ACTIVITIES WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE
No way!
LET'S MEET IN FRONT OF THE TRAIN STATION THIS SATURDAY AT 10AM.
THEN, IT'S DECIDED.
MUM, WHERE ARE THOSE HAND-ME-DOWN CLOTHES THAT CHITOSE-CHAN SENT FROM TOKYO?!
WHY? YOU USUALLY DON'T WEAR THEM.
I WILL!
UH,
WHAT ABOUT THE CLUB ACTIVITIES?
Isn't that just like...
Two people going out to play...
Has sister got a boyfriend?
Sayori
TELL THE OTHERS YOU'LL BE SKIPPING IT.
EH?! "TELL THEM," YOU MEAN...!
SKIP ...?
EH?

Nervous
Nervous
Nervous
Looks around
TAKERU-KUN'S NOT HERE YET...
I'm so nervous...
..A date?!
Ack
So embarrassing!
NOISE
NOISE
TAP
APPROACH
SO ADORABLE ♡
HEY— ARE YOU WAITING FOR YOUR BOYFRIEND?
You're looking around
EH?
NO, HE'S NOT MY BOYFRIEND...
SO YOU'RE GONNA PLAY WITH YOUR FRIENDS?

STOMP
THEN, LET US JOIN YOU.
A cafe
Open
AH, TAKERU-KUN
...DO YOU ALL STILL WANT TO JOIN US?
STEP
STEP
SLAP
YOU REALLY HAVE A FACE THAT TELLS OTHERS YOU'RE EASY TO FOOL.
A blank, innocent face.
HUH?
IN THAT KIND OF SITUATION, IT'S OKAY TO LIE AND SAY THAT I'M YOUR BOYFRIEND.

NAME

Sakaki Takeru

HEIGHT & WEIGHT

174 cm (65 kg)

BLOOD TYPE

Type A

BIRTHDAY

January 25

HOBBY

Reading manga

THING YOU HATE

Exam periods

FAVORITE FOOD

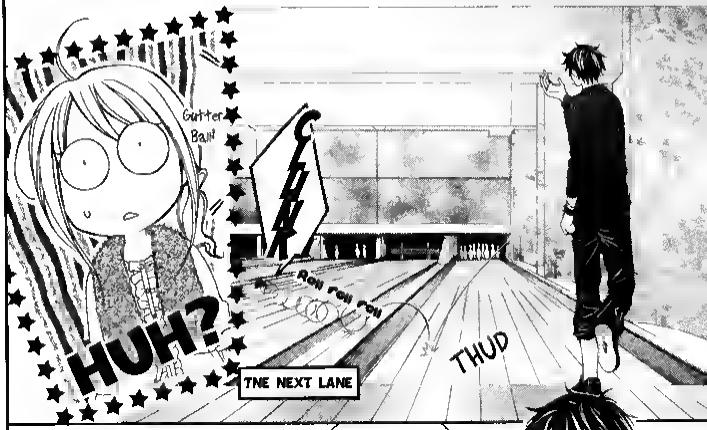
Rice

DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU LIKE?

Yes → (Who is?)
No

STRIKE
Ichigo Scans
YOU KNOW, SINCE I WAS A KID, THE ONLY SPORT I WAS GOOD AT WAS BOWLING!
I WONDER WHY
COMPARED TO TENNIS MAYBE YOU'RE BETTER SUITED FOR THIS?
sta-re
OH, YEAH!
JUST GOT STARTED AND I ALREADY HIT A STRIKE!!!
TAKERU-KUN, AREN'T YOU PLAYING?
HMMM

SLIDE
INHALE
BA-DUMP
Takeru-kun's form when bowling
OOOH, THIS IS NEW...!
BA
NG
Is so cool, too~!
GAO~!


Gutter Ball
HUH?
Ah!
GUN
Roll roll roll
THE NEXT LANE
THUD

TAKERU-KUN, COULD THIS BE YOUR FIRST TIME BOWLING?
SO WHAT IF IT IS?
T T
THEN YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME EARLIER! IF I'M THE ONLY ONE PLAYING HAPPILY THEN THERE'S REALLY NO POINT, RIGHT?
.....?

HEY, DON'T UNDERESTIMATE MY SPORTS ABILITY
COMPARED TO TENNIS, A GAME OF THIS STANDARD...
Do you hate it that much?
HAAAH?
HOW ABOUT I TEACH YOU .?
Ah
I KNOW!

...I'LL ONLY NEED AS MUCH AS AN HOUR TO MASTER IT.
RUN

YOU'RE A GENIUS!
DONE IT.
YOU'VE ONLY PLAYED 3 GAMES BUT YOU ALREADY CAN STRIKE CONTINUOUSLY! YOU LEARNT IT SO QUICKLY! ♡
WOOOOOOW, TAKERU-KUN, THAT'S AWESOME!
STRIKE!
CRASH
IF IT'S TAKERU-KUN, YOU CAN BECOME ONE OF THE TOP PLAYERS IN THE BOWLING WORLD!
You definitely can!
BUT I'LL STILL LOSE TO YOU, RIGHT?
WELL, THAT'S BECAUSE I'VE PLAYED FOR A LONGER TIME THAN YOU!
Silence...
UH IT'S OVER?
AFTER MY DAD BROUGHT ME HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, I OFTEN CAME BACK, YOU SEE...

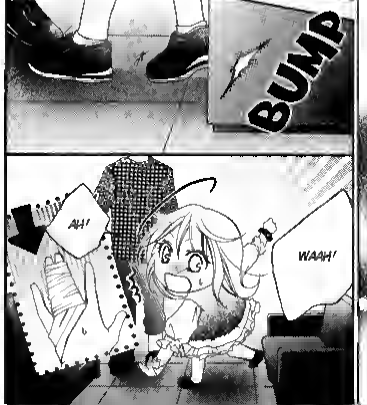
CLINK
DID YOU KNOW?
ALL THE MEMBERS OF YANAGAWA HIGH TENNIS CLUB
ENTERED THE SCHOOL THROUGH SPORTS RECOMMENDATIONS. SINCE THEY WERE YOUNG, THEY'VE BEEN ACCUMULATING LOTS OF TENNIS EXPERIENCE.
EVEN THEY SUCKED AT TENNIS IN THE BEGINNING.
BUT THEY DESPERATELY TRAINED HARD IN ORDER TO PLAY BETTER.
THAT'S WHY,
IT'S ALL RIGHT, EVEN IF YOU LOST.

FOR YOU WHO STARTED TENNIS ONLY 8 MONTHS AGO, TO HAVE REACHED SUCH A HIGH STANDARD IS CONSIDERED EXCELLENT
Could he have chosen to take me bowling so he can tell me this?
EVEN I PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PLAY THAT WELL IN A COMPETITION WITH ONLY 8 MONTHS OF TRAINING
AH...
DON'T CRY...

I FELT MY BODY FREEZE FOR THE FIRST TIME...
DURING THE COMPETITION,
NO... IT'S NOT...
IT'S JUST...
I JUST CAN'T ACCEPT THE FACT THAT...
What an ugly way to cry!
I DIDN'T FEEL LIKE MYSELF AT ALL!
BUT,
IF I HAD CONCENTRATED PROPERLY THAT TIME,
I WOULD'VE PROBABLY GOTTEN MORE POINTS ONCE I THINK THAT I JUST CAN'T TAKE MY DEFEAT LYING DOWN!
STEP
IF YOU CAN THINK THIS WAY!!

BA
DUMP

I'm so happy...
Oh my gosh...
BUMP


AH!
WAAH!

IT MEANS THAT YOU'RE ALREADY LIKE A TRUE TENNIS PLAYER
pat pat

I totally forgot!
BANG
CRASH
WAAH!
I JUST PRAISED YOU A LITTLE...
OW
YOU...
SORRY...
ALL ALONG, IT'S ALWAYS JUST ME BEING SAVED BY YOU...
SIGH
WHO HAS BEEN SAVED BY YOU MANY TIMES...
IT'S ME
KISS

Fumm
Hugs tighter
What?
BA-DUMP
...Y... ME?
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP

IBA-DUMP
Waah...
I CAN FEEL HIS BREATH
AH
SORR
RY

HEY! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT...?
WAAH!
SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING!
AOI ..
BOWLING
DOESN'T HOLD ANY DEEP MEANING!
WHAT HAPPENED JUST NOW
AH... OKAY...

BA-DUMP
But he said there wasn't any deep meaning..
BA-DUMP
about to kiss me?
BA-DUMP
Was he
Just.. just now..
BA-DUMP
WHAT'S THIS?
MY HEART FEELS LIKE IT'S GOING TO BREAK DOWN.
"WHO HAS BEEN SAVED BY YOU MANY TIMES..."
THUMP
"IT'S ME"
There are no other words...

The next day.
...that can make me happier than this...
PANT
HIT
SKID
THUD
HAH!
SAKAKI-KU-N,
WHAT DID YOU DO TO AGEHA-CHAN-?
TELL ME--♥
SIP
NOTHING REALLY

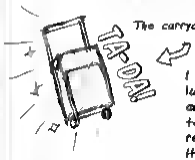
AGAIN~? IF YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING, SHE WOULDN'T BE LIKE THAT, WOULD SHE~?
SURPRISE
AH! FOUND HIM!
POINT
SAKAKI TAKERU!
!
THAT'S
THAT'S YANAGAWA HIGH'S ACE PLAYER!

On the subject of an inside story would be the "NAME" all-nighters!
For this serialization and the serialization before it ("Ichigo Jikan"), I stayed overnight at the editorial department to complete it

(Oh, a "NAME" is a rough copy of things like panel distribution and lines and art jotted down onto copying paper before one starts the manuscript. I fold an A4 size copying paper in half and use that.

A4 → I gather all the info together

Since it's an all-nighter, it goes without saying that I need my all-nighter necessities like a change of clothes. That's where...



The carrycart comes in handy

I don't need to lug around heavy luggage on my shoulders and I can even bring with me tennis magazines that I use for references— It's very handy. However, when the person who is in charge of me saw me wheeling it around, she called me a "runaway girl" (laughs)

A girl... ← In her late 20's

This is how I spend a couple of days sleeping over at the editing department.
In the beginning though, there were so many things I forget to bring that I always had my mother bring me stuff at least once during the all-nighters.
But before I'd realized it, I stopped forgetting things.

"Getting used to things" is pretty amazing... and kinda scary too. ...If you wonder why it's scary, that's because...

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CHAPTER 09

Q & A !

Q Takeru-kun hurt his right leg and quit tennis. He said he led a wild life but how exactly did he live wild? (by Onodera Sin)

A He got into fights a lot, flirted with girls, caused his family and friends to worry for about half a year. He's a bad kid huh!

PULL
STEP

BA-DUMP
What did she come here for?

Here.
Hey—
quick!!
Please?
WRITE 'FOR KUSUDA EMI!'
Eh?
CLOSE UP
PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR AUTOGRAPH!

DON'T WANT TO.
STAB
EH—?!
WHY NOT?! MEANIE!
She came all the way here just to see Takeru-kun?
No one?!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU GUYS?!
I DIDN'T GIVE ANY OF THEM MY AUTOGRAPH SIDES THEY NEVER EVEN ASKED FOR IT...
YOU MUST'VE GIVEN AUTOGRAPHS TO YOUR TEAMMATES RIGHT?! THEN WHY NOT ME? JUST SIGN IT!
THE HELL... WELL, I DID PROMISE MY FRIENDS I'D GO HERE FOR THEM SO —
WHATEVER, I'LL LET JUST THE AUTOGRAPH THING GO.
JUST THE AUTO-GRAPH !?
Bounce
Bounce
Bounce

SINCE I ALREADY WIPED THE FLOOR WITH THIS GIRL THAT SAKAKI TAKERU HIMSELF IS COACHING..
CATCH
SAY..
BOUNCE
I'M MORE THAN QUALIFIED TO BE YOUR TRAINEE..TOO, RIGHT?
I THINK YOU ALREADY KNOW..
SHE CAN PLAY, ALRIGHT, BUT HER SKILLS ARE PATHETIC!
SO PATHETIC SHE COULD BE GROUPED WITH THE CRAPPIEST IN OUR CLUB!

HAH?!
OR COULD IT BE... DON'T TELL ME YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH HER?
WHY ELSE WOULD YOU COACH SUCH A LOSER?
SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG WITH YOU
STEP
STEP
STEP
IT WON'T MAKE YOU ANY MORE POPULAR WITH GUYS AT ALL.
THAT WON'T DO AT ALL. YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T GO AROUND RUBBING YOUR SUPERIORITY IN OTHERS' FACES, YOU KNOW.
WHAT?!

Everyone...
MONKEYS SHOULD JUST RETURN TO THEIR CAGES WHERE THEY BELONG
LOOK,
WHAT'S SO WRONG ABOUT CALLING A PATHETIC PLAYER PATHETIC?
IT'S ONLY BEEN 8 MONTHS SINCE SHE'S STARTED PLAYING TENNIS,
SO NATURALLY, SHE'S STILL PRETTY GREEN AT IT...

...CAN POSSIBLY PLAY THAT WELL IN ONLY 8 MONTHS...
NO BEGINNER
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
Shock
Just 8 months and she's...?!
Pat
IF WE TALK ABOUT IMPROVEMENTS, SKILL-WISE YOU'RE NOT EVEN CLOSE.
IT'S ALL TRUE, THOUGH- AGEHA-CHAN ONLY STARTED PLAYING TENNIS WHEN SHE ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL

KUSUDA-SAN, RIGHT? IF YOU'VE GOT TIME TO BE MUCKING AROUND LIKE THIS,
NO DOUBT THAT AOI HERE WILL SURPASS YOU IN NO TIME.
DON'T LOOK DOWN ON ME! NO MATTER HOW FAST SHE IMPROVES,
THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL SHE'LL EVER BEAT ME!
BY THAT TIME, I'M CONFIDENT THAT AOI CAN WIN I SET AGAINST YOU!
WELL THEN, LET'S HAVE A MATCH A MONTH FROM NOW TO PROVE IT, SHALL WE?

HAH
I RIGHT,
BRING IT ON!
WE BATTLE A MONTH FROM NOW, ON THE 30TH OF DECEMBER!
You've...
LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO ADD MORE TO YOUR TRAINING MENU FOR THIS ONE...
WHY DID IT TURN OUT THIS WAY?
...gotta be kidding me

Name

Onodera Jin

Height & Weight

170 CM (59KG)

Blood Type

AB

Birthdate

June 29

Hobby

Shopping

Thing you hate

Difficult training

Favorite food

Girls!

Do you have someone you like?

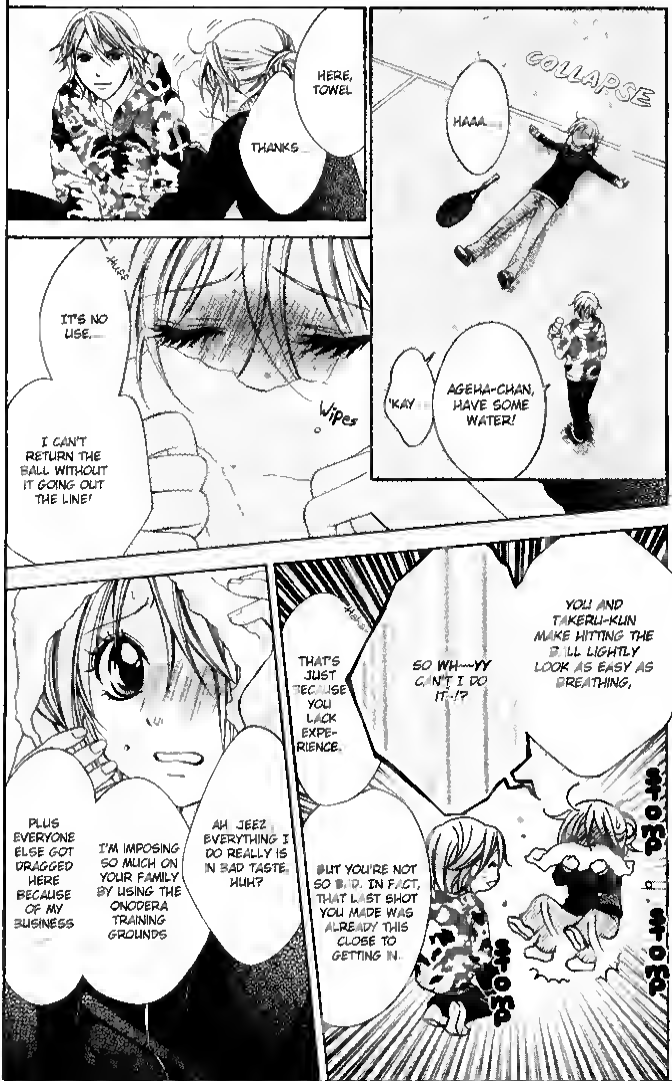
(YES) → (Who is it? Ayaha-chan ♥)
NO

SINCE I'M GOING ALONG WITH THIS MATCH OF YOURS, YOU COULD AT LEAST ALLOW THIS ONE WAGER, RIGHT?
YOU—!
SEE YA!
YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I MEAN, DON'T YOU?
YOU'LL HAVE TO TRANSFER TO YANAGAWA HIGH!
HEY
FRANTICS
WAIT—!
If I say that you're gonna win I set against her, you're gonna win I set! Tough 'up!
Don't get all flustered like that on your own...

OKAY...
That's a seriously heavy responsibility!
This...This is too much...
Betting Takeru-kun's transfer on the match...
SIDE DASH
Onodera Tennis Training Centre
THUNK
WHACK

WHACK
AT
TSS
WHAP
USE MORE STRENGTH!
COME ON!
YES!

WHACK
HIT
HA!
HIT THE BALL INSIDE THE LINE!
IF YOU DON'T CATCH THE BALL USING THE CENTER OF THE RACKET, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTROL YOUR SHOTS!
OKAY!
YOU'RE USING TOO MUCH STRENGTH!
YES!
ALRIGHT, 10 MINUTE BREAK!
PANT
PANT
THUMP
OUT!


HERE, TOWEL
THANKS
COLLAPSE
HAAA
AGEHA-CHAN, HAVE SOME WATER!
'KAY
HUHH
IT'S NO USE.
I CAN'T RETURN THE BALL WITHOUT IT GOING OUT THE LINE!
Wipes
YOU AND TAKERU-KUN MAKE HITTING THE B..LL LIGHTLY LOOK AS EASY AS BREATHING.
SO WH---YY CAN'T I DO IT-!?
THAT'S JUST BECAUSE YOU LACK EXPE-RIENCE.
BUT YOU'RE NOT SO B..D. IN FACT, THAT LAST SHOT YOU MADE WAS ALREADY THIS CLOSE TO GETTING IN.
SHOOK
SHOOK
SHOOK
AH JEEZ EVERYTHING I DO REALLY IS IN BAD TASTE. HUH?
I'M IMPOSING SO MUCH ON YOUR FAMILY BY USING THE ONODERA TRAINING GROUNDS
PLUS EVERYONE ELSE GOT DRAGGED HERE BECAUSE OF MY BUSINESS

Pak!
AFTER EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED TODAY...I JUST FEEL LIKE I'VE GOTTEN A LOT MORE PATHETIC THAN I USED TO BE...
HMM...
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?
YEAH
JUST AS I THOUGHT, SAKAKI TAKERU IS A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH.
EH...?
...IS NO DOUBT VERY EFFECTIVE AGAINST OPPONENTS WHO RELY ON POWER PLAY.
THAT RETURNING TECHNIQUE THAT HE'S TEACHING HER RIGHT NOW...
When returning the ball
Draw your arm out more
NONETHELESS, IT'S A TECHNIQUE THAT EVEN PROS HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME MASTERING

AS IF HE HAS FAITH THAT SHE CAN REALLY PULL IT OFF.
BUT SINCE TAKERU'S TEACHING IT TO HER
SHE'S ABLE TO PRACTICE IT WITHOUT ANY HESITATION
THOUGH HER PROGRESS IS KINDA SLOW. WE CAN ALREADY SEE THE RESULTS RIGHT?
HER BODY UNCONSCIOUSLY ADJUSTS ITSELF TO THE IN-FLYING BALL'S POSITION SO SHE CAN RETURN IT PROPERLY.
THWAP

Flush
CLOSE
wood
YOUR BODY WON'T HOLD OUT IF YOU DON'T GET DECENT SLEEP, YOU KNOW
!

I CAN'T SLEEP...
YOU'RE STRESSING OUT TOO MUCH...
DO YOU HAVE THAT LITTLE CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF?
B-BUT YOU SAW HER! SHE'S UNBELIEVABLY SKILLED,
Yesss!
WELL, CONSIDERING THAT SHE RANKED 3RD ON THE INTER-HIGH NATIONALS. IT'S JUST A MATTER OF ALL THE EXPERIENCE SHE'S HAD THAT YOU NAVEN'T
IT'S LIKE YOU CAN'T FIND ANY FAULT WITH HER PLAY
*THWACK!
30 - Love!!

I DON'T THINK...
I'LL BE ABLE TO WIN EVEN JUST 1 SET AGAINST HER...

From the start,
CLENCH
. . DESPITE THE FACT THAT YOUR TRANSFER IS AT STAKE
SAYING DISCOURAGING STUFF . .
SORRY FOR ACTING THIS WAY . .
UM. . SO-
AH!

...I'M SORRY ..!
it was because of my selfishness that he got dragged into being my coach...
and yet again
that he got into such a mess!
it's because of me

BAD
Eh—?

BUT IF IT'S YOU, I KNOW YOU CAN PLAY EVENLY WITH HER EVEN WITH THE LIMITED TIME WE HAVE.
SO.
HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF.
I GOT CAUGHT UP WITH KUSUDA'S MOCKING AND STARTED A MATCH BETWEEN YOU TWO ON MY OWN...
SORRY.
WAAAH!
WHY'S HE HUGGING ME?
W-WHY—
WH—
WAH.

he was able to take the weight off my shoulders...
Just like that.
OKAY
BA-DUMP
Takeru-kun's words are truly magical.
BA-DUMP

AOI...
AFTER THIS MATCH,
I...
WHAT?

Rumples
I'LL TELL YOU AFTER THE MATCH!
BEEH?!
YOU ALREADY GOT ME CURIOUS!
MORE IMPORTANTLY!
WHAT I SAID ABOUT BEING ABLE TO PLAY TO KUSUDA'S STANDARD WAS NOT OUT OF BASELESS CONFIDENCE.

EVEN IF YOU SAY 'AT LEAST 1 SET'...
IT JUST MEANS THAT YOU CAN WIN AT LEAST 1 SET AGAINST THE NATIONALS' 3RD RANKED PLAYER.
HOWEVER, THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN GET INTO THE NATIONALS' BEST 3 AT ONCE EITHER.
IT'S NOT A PROBLEM
I'LL MAKE IT SO THAT YOU'LL HAVE THE SKILLS TO BE ABLE TO FLOOR HER COMPLETELY
I see...
What he's trying to say is...
THE REST RELIES ON YOUR DETERMINATION.
I UNDER-STAND!
...It's not impossible to win.

OPEN
UWAA!
KYAA!
FALL
CRASH
RIGHT, I'M GOING TO SLEEP
YOU SHOULD TOO, OR YOU'D DEFINITELY OVERSLEEP TOMORROW
DON'T WORRY, I WAS ONLY UP FOR A BIT
SILENCE
-HM..
I NOTICED THAT AOI-SAN WORRYING HERE ALL BY HERSELF SO,
I THOUGHT I'D GIVE THIS TO HER... THEN EVERYONE ELSE WOKE UP AND WANTED TO GO ALONG...
Campus
WHOA!
throw
grab
AH!
I'M SO SORRY! I'M SO SORRY!
I ALREADY TOLD YOU, IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!
THE SHOCK WAS TOO MUCH FOR JINCHOU!

WHAT WE OBSERVED ABOUT HER... WE BRAINSTORMED AND WROTE EVERYTHING THERE
VARIOUS DATA ONIKUSUDA
Kusuda Emi (17)
Blood type B Height 162cm
Yamagasu High's ace tennis player
Earned 3rd in the Summer Interhigh school National Competition
Power player (Strength, Strong backhand)
Her finishing move
Drawn by Ikuko
Agehanch
11/30

There's so much data...
Everyone did this?
WOW.
FLIP

I can no longer
I have to face this head on!
on a standstill like this.

INSIDE STORIES

I'm writing inside stories and updates on my work and so on on my blog.

Please come and visit!!

↓ ↓ ↓

Kumakyo~*Blog

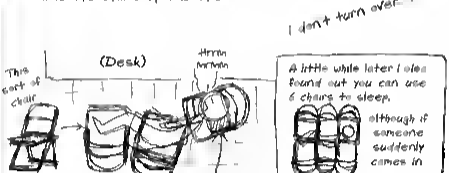
http://kumakyo.blog59.fc2.com/

Continuation

If you can get used to a boarding house you can sleep everywhere. At times like if I don't sleep a bit my head won't work.

I first used our break room and slept but now I'm able to sleep in the pipe chairs in the conference room. I line the chairs up like this.

I don't turn over.


(Desk)
This sort of chair
Hmm hmm
A little while later I also found out you can use 6 chairs to sleep.
although if someone suddenly comes in it'll be clear that I've been sleeping. It's embarrassing so I quit doing that!
Pile up some magazines and put a towel on top to easily make a pillow!

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Furthermore when I think I want to take a quick bath, so I feel clean! I now go to a public bath! Of course I also take a bathing set with me. At first I endured it and just got myself a hotel room. Ahh~ bath~houses are so nice though!! (laugh)

While my boarding house days continue like this, even security people and the receptionists now know me.

The people from the editorial department say things like "You live here. Zashikiwarashi* Runaway girl. Master (because I've been working here longer than everyone else) (laugh).

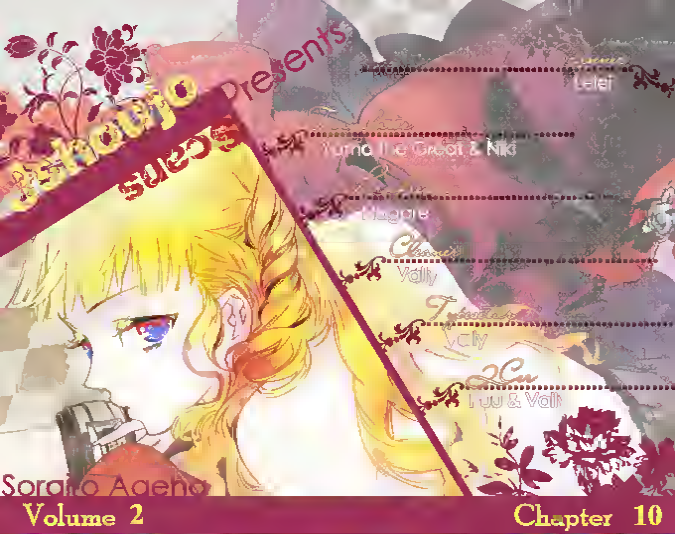
I also mastered how to get meals delivered.

Yes yes~ I get it. I GOT IT!

I threw away my womanhood.

It's fine. As long as I can write mangas. But it's worrisome.

*T/N: Zashikiwarashi = A protective household deity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Chapter 10

NAME	Sakaki Kyouko
HEIGHT & WEIGHT	155 cm (44 kg)
BLOOD TYPE	Type A
BIRTH DATE	March 12
HOBBY	Sleeping
THING YOU HATE	Test periods
FAVOURITE FOOD	Crepes and cake

DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU LIKE?
YES - NO
(WHO IS HE?)

THERE WAS NO VERTICAL SPACE SO RYOKO IS THE ONLY PERSON WHO GOT A HORIZONTAL SPACE!

we went to Yanagawa High.
HELLO—!
On the day of the match,
AH, HE-HELLO
HI!
HELLO!
chatter
MORNING!
HELLO IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF US TODAY
THE PLEASURE IS OURS IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU TOO
I KNOW IT'S RATHER UNDERHANDED, BUT I WOULDN'T SAY NO TO HAVING SAKAKI-KUN WITH US
REALLY, WE JUST ABOUT FAINTED FROM SHOCK AT FIRST WHEN KUSUDA HERE TOLD US ABOUT HER LITTLE ADVENTURE TO YOUR SCHOOL AND THAT BET SHE MADE...
Hey, stop embarrassing me...
BUT IF WE WIN THE BET, MY TEAM GETS TO HAVE SAKAKI-KUN, RIGHT?
blush
blush
blush

SMACK
QUIT IT!
Fume
Hey!
THAT HURT!
Swipe
YOU'RE DEAD!
Dazaifu Nishi High Visitors' Room
I CAN'T STAND THAT GIRL! AGEHA-CHAN! MAKE SURE YOU TRASH HER GOOD!
YEAH, SHE ACTUALLY INTENDS TO USE TENNIS AS A MEANS TO SETTLE A BET ..IT'S UNFORGIVABLE!
DAZZLE HER WITH YOUR MOVES, WIN THAT ONE SET..
...
AND MAKE HER GO "GYABON!" WITH SHOCK!
GOT THAT?
PLEASE!
I SHALL TRY MY BEST..
NOW, LET'S GO OVER KUSUDA-SAN'S INFO AGAIN!
BEING AN ACE PLAYER IS QUITE A BIG DEAL, BUT THAT ALSO PLACES HER IN A POSITION OF VULNERABILITY BASICALLY..

THERE'S A FEELING OF PRESSURE ESPECIALLY DURING IN-GAME...
THAT'S RIGHT!!
HER TENNIS TECHNIQUES MAY SEEM CRAZY-ASS POWERFUL AT FIRST GLANCE, BUT IT'S ACTUALLY VERY EASY TO DEFEAT
IF A BEGINNER LIKE AGEHA-CHAN IS ABLE TO SCORE EVENLY WITH HER AND THE GAME DRAGS ON TO A RATHER LONG RALLY BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM, SHE'D MOST DEFINITELY BE AGITATED AND LOSE FOCUS
PUMA
WELL, KEEP IN MIND THAT ALL THE DATA WE HAVE HERE WERE OBTAINED A MONTH AGO
THERE'S NO TELLING HOW MUCH SHE'S IMPROVED SINCE THEN SO YOU'LL REALLY HAVE TO THINK ON YOUR FEET
RIGHT!

Inhale—
Exhale—
WAH!
RYOUKO-SAN! IF YOU WANNA USE THE TOILET, THERE'RE A LOT OF FREE STALLS Y'KNOW
GOOD THING THE TOILET'S NOT TOO FAR...
.....
OK'K...
THERE'S SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO KNOW
ABOUT TAKE-CHAN

Fwish...
I'LL GET TO THE POINT.
THE RESULT WON'T CHANGE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WIN THIS MATCH.
TAKE-CHAN WILL BE TRANSFERRING TO ANOTHER SCHOOL.
AH...
HE'S DECIDED TO UNDERGO
LEG SURGERY.
I WAS SWORN BY TAKE-CHAN TO SECRECY, BUT IF HE WASN'T FROM YOU, I'D LOSE MOTIVATION IF YOU'RE OUT, BUT
What is she..?
HE'S GOING TO TOKYO TO CHECK OUT THEIR LEG THERAPY PROCEDURES.
CAN.

CAN IT BE HEALED?!
HIS LEG...
CAN TAKERU-KUN'S LEG
BE COMPLETELY HEALED?!
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?!
MUTTER MUTTER
I'M NOT THE DOCTOR!
AND DIDN'T I JUST TELL YOU HE'S TRANSFERRING TO FIND THAT OUT HIMSELF?!
IF HE TOLD YOU ABOUT THIS MATTER AFTER THE MATCH, EVEN THEN
YOU WON'T HELP REGRETTING, THINKING THAT
YOU SHOULD HAVE PLAYED 'A BIT BETTER,' RIGHT?
I'D WANT TO KNOW TOO, ESPECIALLY IF IT'D BE THE LAST MATCH THAT THE ONE I LIKE WOULD SEE FROM ME IN A WHILE...
I'D WANT TO KNOW SO I COULD SHOW A WORTH-WATCHING FINALE!

SO THAT I WON'T REGRET IN THE END
"BECAUSE, NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY, I'LL ONLY EVER BE A LITTLE SISTER"
Envy
I ENVY YOU
Deep breath
.....

HEY, CAREFUL, YOUR SOUL MIGHT RUN OFF—
JUMP
SKIP
TAKE
AH!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
RYOUKO THAT BRAT... THIS IS WHY I TOLD HER NOT TO TELL YOU..
Y-YOU HEARD US?!

WILL YOUR LEG RECOVER?

THERE'S A 20% SUCCESS RATE.
IF IT SHOULD FAIL, THE WORST CASE SCENARIO IS
LIFETIME PARALYSIS
I ALREADY GAVE UP ON IT, YOU KNOW

I START WISHING I COULD ONCE AGAIN RACE THE COURT AND PLAY MY BEST.
BUT WHENEVER I LOOK AT YOU,
YOU PROBABLY DON'T REALIZE THIS,
BUT NORMALLY, IT'S NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO WIN IN THE INTER-HIGH COMPETITIONS IN ONLY 3 YEARS AS A BEGINNER
YOU'RE A LIVING CONTRADICTION TO THAT STATEMENT
YOU...

...GAVE ME COURAGE TO TAKE THIS CHANCE.
Pat
THUMP
I...
...gave him?

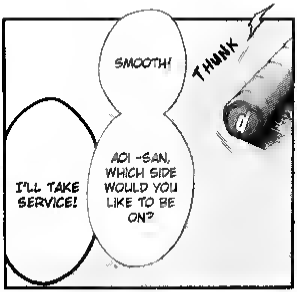
BUT...
BUT WHAT IF IT FAILS...?
WELL, I'LL CROSS THAT BRIDGE IF I GET THERE,
BUT...
THAT'S A LOT BETTER THAN FUSSING ABOUT MY LEG MY WHOLE LIFE WITHOUT HAVING DONE ANYTHING AT ALL

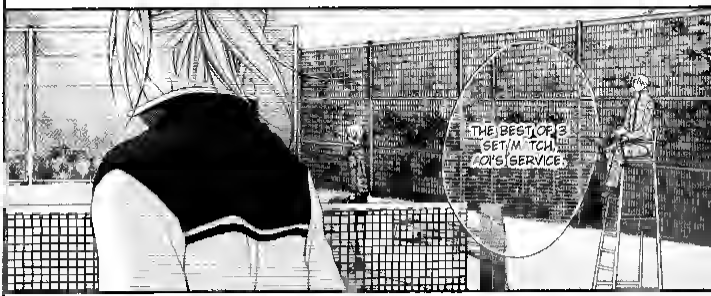
I'LL KEEP PRAYING FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR SURGERY
I'LL BE PRAYING FOR YOU THE WHOLE TIME
GRIP
ALWAYS

He's really made up his mind...
THEN

*Notes: When deciding who will serve first or to select initial ends of court, a racket is normally spun and a player calls either "rough" or "smooth". Whether the strings fall rough side or smooth side up determines who makes the choice. Also known as "up or down". (from sports-definitions.com)

Alright!
"MAKE SURE YOU WIN THE RACKET SPIN!"
GO BY
THAT'S JUST TOO MUCH, EVEN FOR ME
WHEW THANK GOD FOR THAT LUCKY GUESS


SMOOTH!
THUNK
I'LL TAKE SERVICE!
AOI -SAN, WHICH SIDE WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON?

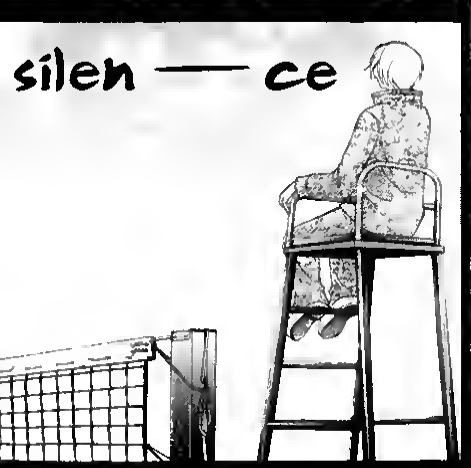

"THE BEST OF 3 SET MATCH. AOI'S SERVICE."

"THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THIS MATCH IS THE FIRST SERVICE."
"SO BRING OUT YOUR BEST SERVE AND ACE THE SERVICE."
"FROM THAT POINT ON, THE FLOW OF THE GAME"
"WILL BE IN YOUR HANDS!"

but for now, with everything I've got...
Use my best serve
to score.
I'm not entirely sure I can do it,
Just like Takeru-kun...
Beautiful...
Without unnecessary movements...
And powerful...

Scuff
That's the kind of serve...

AH!
Smash
I want to do!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P.A.C

*P/N Love is how they say zero

WHOA
I HAD NO IDEA SHE COULD SHE REALLY IS A FAST LEARNER.
EVEN I PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO RETURN A SUDDEN FASTBALL LIKE THAT
THAT'S JUST HER FIRST SHOT SINCE THE MATCH BEGAN
THINK ABOUT HOW MUCH STRONGER HER PLAY MIGHT BE FOR THE ACTUAL GAME!
LAUGHS
RIDICULOUS... THERE'S NO WAY A BEGINNER CAN SERVE A BALL LIKE THAT IN ONLY 9 MONTHS...
SIDES SHE WAS ABLE TO PULL OFF SOME PRETTY GOOD SHOTS AT THE LAST COMPETITION
GRIP

THAT SERVE JUST ALWA
YEAH, THAT WAS JUST A FLUKE!
His form became my ideal,
My eyes always sought him out..
and I fervently wished I could one day match up to his skills. Now..

NAME

Suzuya Rino

HEIGHT & WEIGHT

149 cm (38 Kg)

BLOOD TYPE

Type B

BIRTHDATE

8 March

HOBBY

Studying

THING YOU HATE

(Dislike) Building up physical strength

FAVOURITE FOOD

Spicy stuff

DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU LIKE?

(YES) → (WHO IS HE? Onodera Sin-kun)
No

It's our secret, ok?

I've caught up to him!

BEND DOWN
Crouch
THONK

SWEET!
HYAA!
SSS
CLATTER

"THE FLOW OF THE GAME WILL BE IN YOUR HANDS!"
THUMP
THUMP
IT'S JUST AS TAKERU-KUN SAID
WHAT THE HELL?!
SHE CAN REALLY PULL OFF THAT MOVE! DON'T TELL ME SHE'S IMPROVED THAT MUCH DURING THE LAST MONTH ALONE?!
THAT'S. THAT'S UNACCEPTABLE!
I'm in control of the game
SQUEAK

I won't give her any chances!
I'LL RETURN HER NEXT SHOT NO MATTER WHAT!
THINGS ARE GETTING INTERESTING
HEHE HEHE

FAN SERVICE

I received positive comments on what I drew in volume 1 so I drew more (laughs). Sorry for humiliating you so publicly, Takeru-- Ehe.
This is the two of them after their last match.

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Volume 2
Chapter 11

Sorairo Ageha

Last Episode
HIT
AH!
Ba-dump
This flow
I definitely will NOT miss it!!
BA-DUM
USING THE STRENGTH OF THE RIVAL'S BALL
"RAISE YOUR RACKET AND ..."

HIT!!
SMASH

SPECIAL THANKS!

Pet art ← Merumo-kun

☆アシスタント
西田祥子 様
木村小也花 様
嶋根智恵 様
中田沙織 様
岡林真紀 様
角間リサ 様
宮城杏奈 様
金井真理子 様
福本静香 様

☆模造 柿澤様
米村知子 様
☆光丘高等学校 様
柳川高等学校 様
☆デザイナー 黒木 様
☆メタモル出版 瀬尾 様
☆母 姉 様
☆編集部の方々
☆読者のみなさま !!

☆担当 高川 様
（本当にたくさんお世話になりました!! いろいろ学ばせて頂いてすごく勉強もしています! ありがとうございました!!）
担当 中村 様

☆この作品が本になるまでに携わって下さった方々

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M
IT'S AN ACE AGAIN!
GAME FOR AO!
HAS HAS
I-LOVE
CHANGE COURT!
DAMN IT
HOW COME I COULDN'T MOVE MY HANDS OR LEGS, !
TWIST
EVERYONE'S WATCHING
I CAN'T SHOW THEM A CLUMSY PERFORMANCE LIKE THIS!

DAMN IT
FAULT!
WAIT! THE LAST SPIN WAS IN, RIGHT?
HUH?
HUH? NO, I'M SURE IT WAS OUT
SHIT!
FAULT!
IMPACT
O-LOVE
GAME FOR NO. 2-LOVE
FAULT!

I SHOULDN'T RELAX MY FOCUS.
grab
STAY FOCUSED!
... She's getting more and more worked up.
The game is actually beginning now
TAP TAP
But.
HAH!
I don't think it will slide!!
Catch

WA AO AAH...
Kusuda! Fight!!!
Go!
URK
IT FLOATED!
AGEHA!

BAM
WAAH
PANT PANT
GAME FOR AOI! 4-LOVE!
HEHEHE
SHUDDER
IT WAS SO COOL WHEN I THOUGHT "RIGHT NOW" AND SHE REALLY HIT IT.
AOI IS SO COOL~!! ONLY 2 MORE GAMES AND IT'LL BE 1 SET!
SHE'LL DEFINITELY WIN THIS MATCH.
WELL WILL IT TURN OUT?
DON'T LET DOWN YOUR GUARD, AOI

In a game,
a very trivial thing can change the whole turn-out...
AH
MY SHOE LACES
HUH ?
SHOULDN'T SHE TAKE A PAUSE ?
I HAVE TO BE QUICK
Focu
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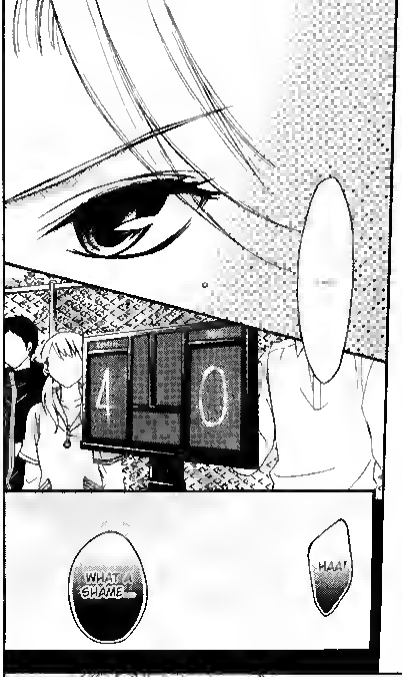
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WHAT A SHAME
HA!

PANT

THUD
AH!

SMASH
!!
Dash
Whack
WHISH
Damn it!
GAME FOR KUSUDA! 3-4
AAH...
IN THE A BLINK OF AN EYE SHE LOST 3 GAMES..
TSK... WHAT THE HELL IS SHE DOING?

THUD
THUD
My body is moving properly...
HMMMM
IT'S OKAY CALM DOWN IT'S OKAY
SO WITH BEING WIELDED LIKE THAT, SHE CAN'T MAKE RISING SHOTS
I WONDER WHAT AGEHA IS GONNA DO
ACTUALLY I DIDN'T SAY THAT SHE HAS TO MAKE RISING SHOTS
THAT WAS ONLY A CAMOUFLAGE
THE CRITICAL MOMENT IS ACTUALLY FROM THIS POINT ON.
THE TACTICS ARE FOR AGEHA TO DECIDE.

Takeru
showed me everything in a month.
MSAS
MMM!
AH!
imitated Kusuda's moves to practice with me.
Onodera

ATTACKS
Piii
ACK!
WAAAH
All of them.
and the data that everyone has put together for me.

Gasp
SHE EVEN CAUGHT UP EVEN WITH THE ONE JUST NOW?!
— YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!
are resounding in my head!!
WAAAAm
So cool
She inside it down the line with our pace.
I'm okay.
I have everyone's confidence.

TAP
SMASH
SMASH
DASH
TSK!
SHIT!
AAH, THAT WAS A CLOSE!
SO SHE GETS TO MANIPULATE THE ENEMY NOW
AT THIS RATE IF SHE CAN EXHALIST KUSUDA'S STRENGTH
IT'LL BE 1 SET

...NO, IT'S POSSIBLE
Land
THAT SHE MAY WIN THIS M TCH.
GAME FOR AO!! 5-3
ONLY 1 GAME LEFT AND IT WILL BE 1 SET
1 hit. Only 1 hit..
Stay focused...!

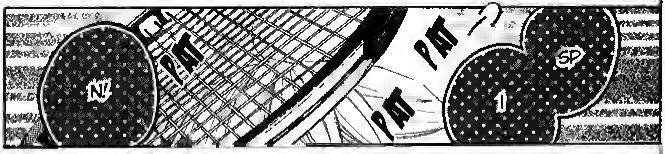
AH
shock
WAAA...
WHAT...?
SHE CAN'T CONTINUE BECAUSE OF THE\CRAMPS
IN HER LEFT LEG...

CHATTER
CHATTER
MMM
I'M SO SORRY YOU HAD TO COME ALL THE WAY HERE BUT UNFORTUNATELY
CHATTER
NEXT TIME
I DEFINITELY WILL NOT LOSE!
YOU WERE JUST LUCKY TODAY
...LET'S GO, AOI!
AREN'T YOU GLAD WITH
BEING ACKNOWLEDGED BY YOUR RIVAL?

WHAT?
WHO'S THIS?
FOR AN ACCOMPLISHED PLAYER TO BE ALL WORKED UP TO THE POINT OF BREAK-DOWN IT SHOWS THAT YOU GENUINELY WON TODAY.
snatch
THIS PERSON IS MY FORMER COACH
WHAT?!
AND FROM TOMORROW HE'S GONNA BE YOUR COACH
GAH!
HEEEH
WHAT?!
IN JUST 9 MONTHS AND ALREADY CAPABLE OF EXECUTING SUCH HITS, SHE'S DEFINITELY A GOOD ONE.
HAH?
AAAH...
.... IT'S FINE WITH YOU, RIGHT?
.....

I WON'T BE ONLY PLAYING AROUND OKAY?
I'LL MAKE YOU GUYS WORK REALLY HARD FROM NOW ON.
MOREOVER,
THERE ARE SO MANY OTHER PEOPLE HERE THAT SEEM WORTHY FOR ME TO COACH.
DON'T WORRY AND GOOD LUCK WITH THE OPERATION
PAT
WELL,
YOU, TOO.

YES...
Two weeks later...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IT'S BEEN 3 DAYS SINCE TAKERU HAD THE OPERATION, BUT I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING FROM HIM YET. SO...
NO MATTER WHAT... I CAN'T REALLY STAY FOCUSED...
UHM...

TWIST
TWIST
YOU'RE STILL SO LACKING!
I BET YOU'VE GOT IT, BUT IT'S LIKE THIS. LIKE THIS!
YES... I'M SORRY...

I SEE
I CAN'T HELP IMAGINING ONLY THE BAD THINGS.
IT'S OKAY, YOU CAN GO HOME TODAY
TAKERU
Make a call
Send an E-mail
Send an C-mail
WHAT'S WRONG?
I'M SCARED

YOU GOT OUT EARLY?
WHA
GASP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
The car... the coast
As I thought...
h...

THAT'S WHY HE DIDN'T CONTACT ME
BIG
SUCCESS.
LIFT
?!
HUH?
Hmm?
AAAAH~

YOU SAID YOU'D CALL ME. BUT...!
YOU...
I DIDN'T CALL BECAUSE I WANTED TO SEE YOUR REACTION
WHA... THAT'S MEAN...
I COULDN'T EVEN SLEEP AT NIGHT
You're showing such a happy expression.
WERE YOU THAT WORRIED ABOUT ME?
Why?
GASP
YEAH ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

Ki..
Kiss...?!
EH!
...
THUMP
... Why...?
I WAS PLANNING
TO TELL YOU THIS IF THE OPERATION WENT WELL

I LOVE YOU, AOI.
I'M GOING TO RETURN TO TOKYO AND START PLAYING TENNIS AGAIN,
BUT I'LL COME SEE YOU AGAIN
YOU SHOULD COME AND SEE ME PLAY, TOO.
ALSO, ALTHOUGH I SAID I WOULD BE COACHING YOU FOR THREE YEARS,
I'M SORRY THAT I CAN'T ANY-MORE
IF YOU WANT TO HEAR MY VOICE, THEN CALL ME, OKAY?
!!!
STUNNED
HEY!
Listen to what I'm saying!

Blushes
Unbelievable!
Takeru...
likes me?
Pull
YOU SHOULD HURRY AND GET BETTER!
EH
GET STRONGER QUICKLY AND BECOME
JAPAN'S NUMBER ONE PROFESSIONAL PLAYER
WAH!
AH!

Ye... Yes! I'll do my best
What's your reply?
THEN LET'S TOUR THE WORLD TO-GETHER!

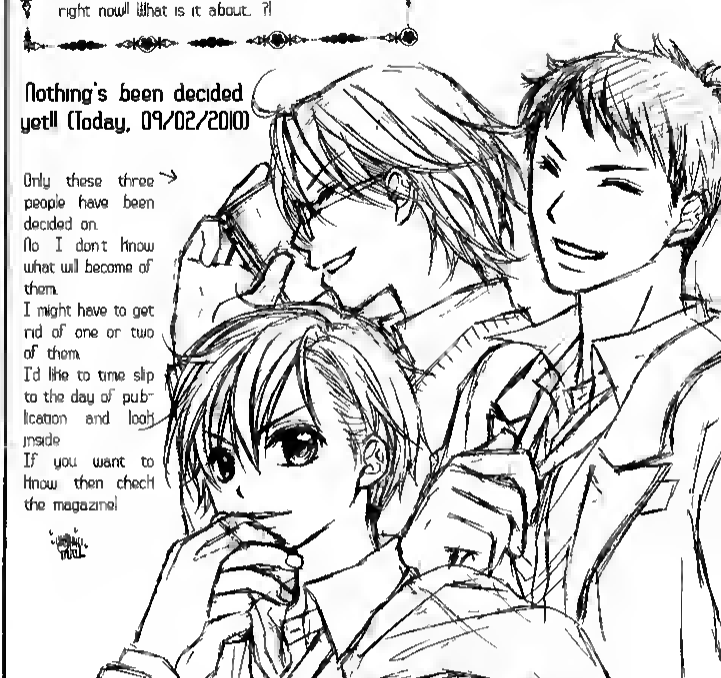
Just in case

ДИКЦИСЕМЕНТ

This is being published in Sho-Comi magazine right now!! What is it about...?!

Nothing's been decided yet!! (Today, 09/02/2010)

Only these three people have been decided on.
No I don't know what will become of them.
I might have to get rid of one or two of them.
I'd like to time slip to the day of publication and look inside.
If you want to know then check the magazine!



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Please let me know your thoughts on this manga and and/or let me know you've read my new publication and what you thought of it

Send them here!

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